

REMARKS

Claims 2-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 2-9 have been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mizoguchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,805,215). The rejection of claim 23 is rendered moot by the cancellation of that claim. Claim 1 is patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

. . . a control information processor for storing in said memory a processing method for indicating how said picture information is to be processed. . .

This feature is described in the originally filed application at page 21, lines 18-25, page 22, and page 24, lines 14-20. Specifically, the specification describes how the user is able to indicate picture rotation, including a picture in a print order, and a frame color that is to be generated for a picture when the picture is printed.

In support of the rejection, Mizoguchi is referenced with regard to column 7, lines 2-37. Mizoguchi specifically talks about how a persons' name and a name of a place are recorded and how this information is compared with other information. This information, however, does not indicate how the picture information is to be processed. The added information in Mizoguchi is solely for the purpose of comparing with a retrieved image. Thus, Applicants claimed feature of storing a processing method for indicating how picture information is to be processed is neither disclosed nor suggested by Mizoguchi. Accordingly, the rejection based on Mizoguchi should be withdrawn.

Various claims have been rejected as being anticipated by Lathrop (U.S. Patent No. 5, 563,655). Applicants invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art

of record, namely:

... said processing method user selected after said picture information is captured. . .

In Lathrop, the processing method is not selected after the picture information is captured. At column 4, lines 4-15 of Lathrop, it is stated:

The control processor 50 receives instructions from a user input section 52, including the capture command, e.g., the choice of compression algorithm to be employed. . . and the selection of the desired function can be made from the user input section 52.

In operation, the control processor 50 initiates a picture taking sequence in response to a capture command from the user input section 52.

Thus, in Lathrop, picture taking occurs after transmission of a capture command from user input section 52. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection based on Lathrop is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, 4 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lathrop in view of Lourette (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,016). These claims, however, are patentable by virtue of their dependency and allowable claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

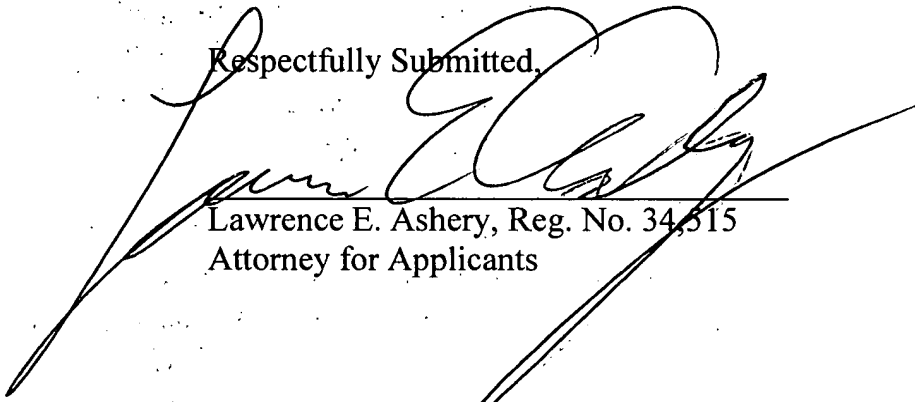
Claims 7, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lathrop in view of Lourette and further in view of Petruchik (U.S. Patent No. 5,619,738). These claims, also, all include the features of claim 1 from which they depend. Thus, these claims are also patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants have added several new claims which are supported by the claims as originally filed. The arguments set forth above with regard to the prior art of record apply to the extent that the newly added claims include

the features set forth above. Allowance of Applicants newly added claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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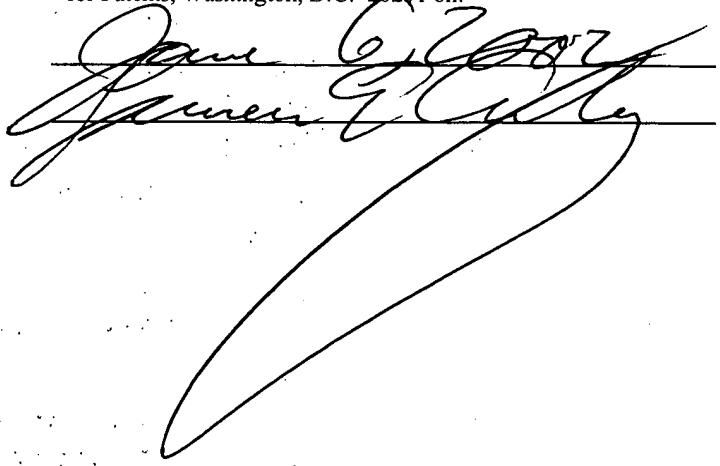
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Claims 23 and 34-41 have been cancelled.

1. (As Amended) A digital camera comprising:

a memory which is separatable from said camera;

a picture capturing unit for capturing picture information corresponding to an image and for storing said picture information in said memory;

a control information processor for storing in said memory a processing method for indicating how said picture information is to be processed so that said image has one of a plurality of selectable appearances, said processing method user selected after said picture information is captured, said processing method remaining in said memory after said memory is separated from said camera; and

said picture information processed from said memory while said memory is separated from said camera.

2. (Amended) The digital camera according to claim 1 wherein ~~said picture selecting means is~~ said digital camera further comprises a picture selecting unit for selecting said picture information to be printed, and said processing method includes ~~control information storage means stores~~ information relating to control of printing of said picture information.

3. (Amended) The digital camera according to claim 1 wherein ~~said picture selecting means is~~ said digital camera further comprises a picture

selecting unit for selecting said picture information to be displayed, and said processing method includes ~~control information storage means~~ stores information relating to control of displaying of said picture information.

4. (Amended) The digital camera according to claim 1 wherein ~~said picture selecting means is~~ said digital camera further comprises a picture selecting unit for selecting said picture information to be transmitted, and said processing method includes ~~control information storage means~~ stores information relating to transmission of said picture information.

5. (Amended) The digital camera according to claim 1 wherein said processing method ~~control information storage means~~ stores a processing instruction string for said selected picture information.

6. (As Amended) The digital camera according to claim 2 wherein said picture selecting means unit is for selecting a picture information corresponding to an order person also, and said processing method ~~print control information storage means~~ stores information corresponding to said order person also.

7. (As Amended) The digital camera according to claim 2 or 6 wherein said processing method [~~control information storage means~~] stores information about a rotation angle of said picture information also.

8. (As Amended) The digital camera according to claim 3 wherein said processing method [~~control information storage means~~] stores information about a rotation angle of said picture information also.

9. (As Amended) The digital camera according to claim 4 wherein said processing method ~~control information storage means~~ stores information about a rotation angle of said picture information also.